the beneficiary is to be allowed to 1 select an animal of his choice and he j can himself make payment to the guP- J pliex direct against cash receipt. The acquisition of the animal would be verified by the field staff of bank.

Reaction of IFWJ t_0 Bachawat Wage Board

285. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA-. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

WAI the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Federation of Working Journalists has impressed upon Governrnent that serious industrial unrest in newspaper organisations would ensue if Government accept the irrational and anti-labour recommendations of th_e Bachawat Wage Board regarding interim relief;

(b) whether it is also a fact that IFWJ hag demanded the replacement of Shri Bachawat as Chairman of the Wage[1] Board; and

(c) if so, what ig Governmenf's reaction thereto and what decision, if any, has been taken by Government im this re- j gard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI p. A. SANGMA); (a) and (b)Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government have notified the interim relief 15 per cent of basic wages subject to minimum of Rs. 90|-p.m. as against a. rate of 7.5 per cent subject to a. minimum of Rs. 45|- p.m. recommended by Wage Boards.

देश में कपड़ा मिलें

286. **श्री मीर्ज़ा इर्शाद बेग** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में इस समय राज्य-वार कपड़ा मिलों की संख्या कितनी है ;

(ख) सरकार कितनी मिलें चलाती है; और

(ग) कपड़ा मिलों के आधुनिकीकरण के लिए किन-किन उपायों पर विचार किया जा रहा है और इस कार्य के कब तक पूरा हो जाने की संभावना है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री खुर्शीद आलम खान) : (क) मई 1986 के अन्त तक देश में सूती वस्त्र मिलों (राज्य-वार) की संख्या निम्नांकित प्रकार है :--

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